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SUBJECT: CHINESE DIPLOMATS EXPRESS CONCERN ABOUT U.S.

POLICY

1. U.S.-EUROPEAN RELATIONS. PRC POLITICAL POLITICAL
COUNSELLOR, TSAO KUEI-SHENG AND HIS WIFE ENGAGED EMBOFF
IN LONG CONVERSATION AT JAPANESE NATIONAL DAY RECEPTION.
THE TSAOS HAD CLEARLY BEEN READING THE MANY ARTICLES
IN THE FRENCH PRESS ABOUT THE "DEFEAT" OF U.S. POLICY
AND THE TENDENCY TOWARD ISOLATIONISM FOLLOWING THE
INDOCHINA TRAGEDY. TSAO EMPHASIZED THE IMPORTANCE FOR
THE UNITED STATES TO RECOGNIZE THAT THE EVENTS IN
INDOCHINA WERE INEVITABLE AND THE RESULT OF MISTAKEN
POLICY; THIS SET BACK SHOULD NOT EFFECT EITHER THE U.S.
VIEW OF ITSELF AND ITS POLICIES OR THE U.S. ROLE ELSE-
WHERE IN THE WORLD. TSAO WAS PARTICULARLY CONCERNED
ABOUT THE WEAKENING OF NATO AND THOUGHT INADEQUATE THE
FRENCH EXPLANATION FOR HAVING ITS FOREIGN MINISTER BE
THE REPRESENTATIVE AT THE NATO SUMMIT. THE TSAOS
EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT AFTER THE IMMEDIATE JOLT FROM
THE INDOCHINA EVENTS, THE U.S. PEOPLE AND CONGRESS WOULD
AGAIN COME AROUND TO SUPPORTING THE INTERNATIONALIST
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POLICY OF THE EXECUTIVE. MRS. TSAO SPECULATED ON THE

PRE-PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION MOTIVATION OF SOME OF THE
ADMINISTRATION CRITICS PARTICULARLY IN THE SENATE.

2. PORTUGAL. THE TSAOS EXPRESSED CONSIDERABLE CONCERN
ABOUT EVENTS IN PORTUGAL. THEY HAD GATHERED THAT
WHETHER OR NOT THE PORTUGUESE COMMUNIST PARTY REGISTERED
A STRONG SHOWING IN THE ELECTIONS, IT WOULD CONTINUE TO
PLAY AN IMPORTANT ROLE THROUGH THE MILITARY FIGURES.
THEY MENTIONED THE IMPORTANT SOVIET ROLE IN PORTUGAL
AND, AS USUAL, EXPRESSED THE PRC'S GREAT SUSPICION OF
SOVIET INTENTIONS. THEY SPECIFICALLY NOTED THE PROBLEMS
WHICH THE U.S. MIGHT ENCOUNTER IN CONTINUED UTILIZATION
OF THE AZORES, WITH THE CLEAR IMPLICATION THAT THE PRC
WOULD REGRET A WEAKENING OF THIS U.S. MILITARY LINK WITH
EUROPE.

3. ARAB-ISRAELI CONFLICT. TSAO ALSO EXPRESSED GREAT
SUSPICION OF SOVIET ACTIONS IN THE NEAR EAST, PARTICULARLY
RECENT FAHMI VISIT TO MOSCOW. HE DOUBTED THAT
CONVERSATIONS IN GENEVA WOULD BE VERY FRUITFUL, AND
THOUGHT THE SOVIETS MIGHT EVEN BE INTERESTED IN A
RENEWAL OF OPEN CONFLICT IN THE NEAR EAST.

4. TSAO EXPRESSED INTEREST IN FURTHER CONVERSATION
PARTICULARLY ABOUT U.S. EUROPEAN RELATIONS BUT NOTED
HE WOULD PROBABLY BE TIED UP UNTIL AFTER VISIT OF
TENG HSIAO-P'ING MAY 12 - 16. TSAOS AS USUAL, SPOKE
FREELY ON SUBJECTS THEY USUALLY DISCUSS WITH US.
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